



## **Questions about Scottsdale's Sign Ordinance:**

- **Who do I contact for assistance?**

If you have any questions, please call Curtis Kozall, Sign Inspector, at 480-312-7034, or e-mail at [Ckozall@ci.scottsdale.az.us](mailto:Ckozall@ci.scottsdale.az.us).

- **Where can I find a copy of Scottsdale's sign ordinance?**

The sign ordinance is contained in the Scottsdale Zoning Ordinance and is located in Article VIII. The following link will electronically connect you to the City Code.

<http://livepublish.municode.com/2/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-j.htm&vid=10075>

Scroll down the table of contents and click on Appendix B – Basic Zoning Ordinance and proceed to Article VIII, Sign Requirements.

- **Is there an easy way to use the sign ordinance?**

Staff has developed a table of contents to make the sign ordinance easier to use. You can access the table of contents from the Overview web page.

- **How is the sign ordinance organized?**

The contents of the sign ordinance is organized into four (4) distinct categories as listed below. The sign ordinance allocates signage for individual business/tenant uses. Project or building (non-tenant) identification signage including single user and multiple tenant buildings are also categorized in the ordinance. The most efficient way to use the sign ordinance is to identify your use then proceed to that specific section to determine your sign allowances such as building wall, ground, monument, directional and directory sign types. The four sign categories include:

- 1. Permanent signs - unspecified uses, Sections 8.500-8.504:**

If your sign type is not a specified use (i.e. if it is a use not listed in Sec. 8.510 - Sec. 8.525 such as hotel, bank, service station, etc.), Sections 8.500 – 8.504 will provide regulations on allowable signage for individual business and tenant identification.

**2. Permanent signs – specified uses, Sections 8.510 – 8.525:**

These sections will provide regulations on allowable signage for for a variety of specific development types such as hotels, schools, banks, and service stations.

**3. Special Developments, Sections 8.530 – 8.541:**

These sections provide sign regulations for a variety of multiple tenant commercial buildings, medical facilities, and master planned communities.

**4. Temporary Signs, Sections 8.600 – 8.616:**

These sections provide regulations for temporary signs for subdivisions, multi-family developments, open houses, grand openings, master planned communities, and auto dealership promotional events

- **How much sign area is allowed?**

Building wall sign area is based on the lineal front footage (length of the frontage) of your leased space, or building front footage that you occupy (length of your space). Generally, commercially zoned properties are allowed one (1) square foot of sign area for each lineal foot of building frontage. The primary entrance is used to calculate the total allowed sign area. Please review the sign ordinance for exceptions to this method.